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Overall framework for the promotion and application of technical cooperation among developing countries

Proposal by the Group of 77 and China

The High-level Committee,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 52/205 of 18 December 1997, 53/192 of 15 December 1998 and 54/226 of 22 December 1999 relating to economic and technical cooperation among developing countries,

Taking note of paragraph 9 of decision 11/1 B of the High-level Committee pertaining to the management and use of the Trust Fund for South-South Cooperation,

Also noting paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of decision 11/2 of the High-level Committee on, inter alia, Guidelines for the Review of Policies and Procedures concerning TCDC,

Further noting the reports of the Administrator of UNDP to the twelfth session of the High-level Committee,

1. *Recognizes* the progress made in the preparation of the revised Guidelines for the Review of Policies and Procedures concerning TCDC and calls for its consideration by the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly;

2. *Emphasizes* the important need for the preparation by the Special Unit of TCDC of a common results framework on technical and economic cooperation among developing countries in the design and monitoring of TCDC and ECDC programmes and activities for subsequent consideration by the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly;

3. *Notes* the need for the Special Unit for TCDC to heighten the awareness of the development community on the Trust Fund for South-South Cooperation so as to attract greater volumes of resources from interested partners and further urges the Administrator of UNDP to take the necessary action to further mobilize resources

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for TCDC into the Trust Fund for South-South Cooperation. In this context, the Special Unit for TCDC should develop a clear system on the management and use of the resources in the Trust Fund;

4. *Welcomes* the emphasis on the promotion of South-South cooperation in the Administrator's Business Plan and in this context, calls upon the Administrator to promote the effectiveness of the TCDC focal point mechanism, especially at the country level through the Resident Coordinator system;

5. *Underscores* the need to ensure an effective role of the Special Unit for TCDC as the substantive secretariat of the High-level Committee and as the United Nations system coordinator for TCDC as well as the focal point in the United Nations system for South-South cooperation and to this effect, requests the Administrator of UNDP to ensure that the separate identity of the Special Unit within UNDP is maintained, and decides to periodically review the impact and functioning of the Special Unit in supporting, promoting and coordinating TCDC cooperation on a global and system-wide basis;

6. *Requests* the Administrator of UNDP to consider reviewing, in the context of the successor programming arrangements, the allocation of additional resources for activities involving technical cooperation among developing countries. *Urges* the Executive Board in that context to allocate additional resources to enable the Special Unit for TCDC to fully and effectively support the strategic programmes embodied in the Second Cooperation Framework for TCDC;

7. *Reiterates* its requests to the funds and programmes of the United Nations system, pursuant to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 53/192, to consider increasing the allocation of the resources for technical cooperation among developing countries;

8. *Requests* the Administrator of UNDP to report on the implementation of this decision to the High-level Committee at its thirteenth session.